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RE: DOCKET NUMBERS -- 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To whom it may concern:

*** FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

*** FDA should prohibit the practice of "forced molting" because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.

*** FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.

*** FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. THE CRUELTY & CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED!

*** FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without without further delay.

Sincerely,



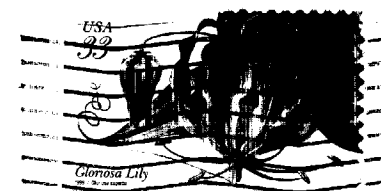
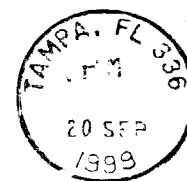
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